

SMITH GRANITE QUARRY, WESTERLY

May Pass to Ownership of Booth Bros.—Bonds of Company Largely Held by H. H. Gallup, of Norwich—Big Italian Benefit Planned—Watch Hill Fire District Would Issue \$50,000 Bonds for Bay Street Improvements—Personals.

Senator Louis W. Arnold of Westerly has been appointed chairman of the finance committee. Senator John E. Cole of Ashaway has been changed from chairman of the education committee to fourth place on the corporation committee. Senator Arnold presided at the meeting of the finance committee for organization. Frederick A. Greene of Providence was re-elected clerk. Senator Arnold said he was much pleased when he learned that he was placed at the head of the committee. He was the senior member, he said, but strong pressure from his own town was brought to bear to prevent his securing the honor of chairmanship.

At the meeting of the judiciary committee Judge John W. Sweeney of Westerly was re-elected clerk. George A. Dunham of Westerly, president of the Rhode Island State Firemen's league, presided at the annual meeting held in Providence. Over 70 delegates representing 44 organizations from Woonsocket to Westerly were present. The Norwood Volunteer fire company, No. 1, with 45 members was admitted to membership, making the total number of companies now affiliated with the state organization 55.

Secretary Frederick W. Cady in his annual report announced the death of Philip H. Munkel of Cranston and George Mitchell of Westerly during the year. As treasurer, he reported a balance on hand last year of \$129.50; received, \$37.99; expended, \$135.58; leaving a balance of \$111.91. The proposition to place the appointment of the tournament committee with the president was defeated, but the president was retained as a member of the committee.

It was voted to retain last year's committee on procurement of hose wagon for real races, and the proposition to eliminate the rule of three minutes to lay paper between the playing of each engine at a muster was defeated. It was decided to hold the April meeting with the Phoenix fire company, and the July meeting with the Narragansett Pier company. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Frederick Mitchell, Woonsocket, president; Ira D. Goff, Riverside, vice president; Thomas H. Rhodes, Pawtucket, second vice president; Frederick W. Clark, Narragansett, third vice president; John A. Hamilton, Providence, fourth vice president; William A. Brown, Wakefield, fifth vice president; Frederick W. Cady, Providence, secretary and treasurer; Jeremiah McCarthy of Woonsocket, George W. Fuller of East Providence, treasurer of the committee; Julian C. Bristol, Adelbert D. Roberts of Woonsocket, James W. Thompson of Narragansett, clerk; George Hunt, commissioner of state firemen's relief fund; Frederick W. Cady, treasurer of fund.

There was a rumor in Westerly Friday that there was to be a change in the ownership of the Smith Granite company, said to be the Westerly quarries. The rumor has it that the Booth Brothers of New London and New York, with quarries in Waterford, near New London, and Thurston Island and other places in Maine, were to take over the Smith Granite company property.

A majority of the bonds of the company are said to be held by the Watch Hill Trust company of Westerly and Henry E. Gallup of Norwich, and it is believed could be purchased at face value. The Smith Granite company was formerly a leading industry of Westerly, employed a large force of skilled workmen, including the best of sculptors, and produced some of the finest granite work in the country. At present there is considerable work at the plant, but not to be compared with that of years ago.

Over a year ago it was rumored that the Smith Granite Works and the New England Granite Works, whose Westerly granite properties joined, were to be merged, but that project never materialized. There is still another rumor that the Blake company of Chicago has use for immense quantities of Westerly granite, and that perhaps they may make a bid for the Smith or some other granite plant in Westerly.

The Watch Hill fire district will petition the present general assembly to authorize the issue of \$50,000 in bonds for the purpose of improving the Bay street section of Watch Hill. Sometime ago the town council of Westerly was asked to widen Bay street, which would necessitate the purchase of the buildings and land on the water side of the street, but the council declined to recommend such a plan or the expenditure of the large sum of money required to a financial town meeting. Although it was plainly stated by a committee ap-

pointed to obtain estimates of the expense that it would cost at least \$150,000 to make the improvements as planned by the promoters of the project. The original plan was to obtain possession of all the property on the water side of Bay street, to remove the buildings, construct a sea wall, and to convert the whole place into a park, and make the place as attractive as possible. It was set forth in the petition to the town council and at the fire district meeting that the buildings on the water side of the street were a disgrace to the vicinity and a detriment to Watch Hill as a seashore summer resort.

Natala Benvenuti attempted the Adam and Eve act in the Third district court Friday morning, where, with Mrs. Venvenuti, he was charged with keeping liquor with intent to sell. Police officers raided his place, in Pierce street, Christmas eve, seized large quantities of liquor, since destroyed by the officers of the court. Both acknowledged guilt and pleaded nolo. Mrs. Benvenuti is the mother of three children. The charges of two years of age, and in her case judgment was suspended for three months, and she was placed on probation.

Then Mr. Benvenuti was questioned by Judge Williams. Benvenuti said he had not violated the law, but his wife did; he never sold any beer or whiskey, but his wife did; that he should not be punished for what his wife did, and so on. Judge Williams imposed the full penalty upon Mr. Benvenuti, ten days in jail and \$20 and costs. He pleaded to have the full sentence withheld and expressed willingness to pay an increased fine, but it was no use. The sentence was prescribed by statute, and the court had no option in the matter, and Benvenuti was taken to jail.

The case against Jacob Herbst, who is accused of keeping liquors with intent to sell, which originated with continued for several months, was set down for disposition next Friday. The trial of the case of George B. Carpenter, overseer of the poor of the town of Hopkinton, vs. William Collins of Westerly, in the interests of Grace Wright of Ashaway, was continued for trial next Monday.

The cases against Fred N. Robinson for non-support and Julia P. Burdick for adultery, third wife continued by agreement of counsel. All other cases on the docket were continued for one week.

The proposition for a benefit entertainment to increase the earthquake relief fund, which originated with the teachers and pupils of the Italian evening school has reached unexpected proportions and is now an assured success. Marshall Durrah will give a Shakespearean recital, and will be assisted by the best local musicians, services being given gratis. There will be no charge for the Bliven Opera house, and every cent received will be sent to the Red Cross society.

The following meeting of the committee in Memorial building Friday afternoon to arrange for the benefit entertainment. The following named ladies have consented to act as the advisory committee: Miss Mattie P. Babcock, Mrs. E. P. Buffum, Mrs. George N. Burdick, Mrs. Samuel Cathcart, Mrs. Arthur M. Cottrell, Mrs. C. B. Cottrell, Mrs. Charles P. Cottrell, Mrs. L. J. Frankenstein, Mrs. Frank Hill, Mrs. William H. Holmes, Jr., Mrs. Frank C. Pagan, Mrs. James M. Pendleton, Mrs. Charles Perry, Mrs. Arthur L. Perry, Mrs. John W. Sweeney, Mrs. George H. Utter.

Local Laconics.
The executive committee of Phoebe Greene Ward chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met Friday afternoon to arrange for the reception to the state regent.

Rev. Dr. Stunk, one of the foremost platform speakers, addressed the young people's society in Grace Methodist church Friday evening. The large congregation appreciated the able address.

The assessors for the town of Stonington completed their work for the year and filed their record with the town clerk. The grand list is \$5,931,740 against \$5,673,798 last year. Residents have been increased \$125,328, and non residents \$132,320, a total of \$257,648.

The reading, reception and stock rooms of the Westerly public library are now carpeted with thick cork linoleum, and the noise created by walking is reduced to the minimum. The carpeting is of a light brown shade, in keeping with the oak furniture and interior decorations.

Rev. Joseph L. Peacock officiated at the funeral of James C. Craig, which took place from his home in Chester avenue. There was a large attendance of friends, and the floral tributes were beautiful. Burial was in River Bend cemetery. The bearers were William Charles, James and John Craig, sons of deceased, and John Kennedy and John Murray, nephews-in-law.

This Sale will continue until Saturday, January 23rd.

The Porteous & Mitchell Co.

CONTINUATION OF OUR JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE.

Today will mark the beginning of the Third and last week of Our January Clearance Sale. So far, this Sale has been a record breaker--the biggest Clearance Sale in our history. We start the last week with practically every item mentioned in our original sale advertisement still on hand--AND IN ADDITION THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS' WORTH OF STAPLE MERCHANDISE BOUGHT FROM OVERSTOCKED MANUFACTURERS AND JOBBERS--ALL GOING AT SALE PRICES.

MEN'S WEAR.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE GREATEST VALUES IN MEN'S WINTER OVERCOATS THAT THE MEN OF EASTERN CONNECTICUT HAVE EVER KNOWN.

Men's \$12.00 Overcoats at \$6.95.

Exactly 43 Men's Winter Overcoats--materials are black, gray and Oxford Meltons--lined with Italian venetian, sleeves are lined with Skinner's satin, made with velvet collar. It includes all of our \$16.00 and \$12.00 Winter Overcoats--sizes are 32, 33, 34 and 35. The smaller sizes are desirable for youths' wear.

Other good values in Men's Winter Overcoats at \$9.95, \$13.95 and \$16.95.

Men's and Youth's Winter Suits at Clearance Prices.

YOUTH'S WINTER SUITS.

At \$7.95 from \$10.00.
At \$11.95 from \$15.50.
At \$13.95 from \$18.50.

MEN'S WINTER SUITS.

At \$8.95 from \$10.00.
At \$9.95 from \$13.50.
At \$13.95 from \$18.50.
At \$16.95 from \$22.00.

Men's Black Suits are not included at these prices.

MEN'S WINTER CAPS.

At 35c from 50c.
At 45c from \$1.00.
At 98c from \$1.50.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

At 35c--Men's Pileed Shirts and Drawers, regular price 50c.
At 36c--Men's Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, regular price 50c.
At 50c--Men's Scarlet Wool Underwear, regular price \$1.00.
At 75c--Dr. Wright's Pileed Underwear, regular price \$1.00.
At \$1.15--Men's Camel's Hair Underwear, regular price \$1.50.
At 89c--Men's Ribbed Union Suits, regular price \$1.50.

Many other special offerings in Men's Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Over-shirts, Neckwear, etc.

Domestic Department

Record-breaking values in Mustins, Sheetings, Pillow Cases and Sheets.

OUR DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT

is by far THE LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT IN CONNECTICUT

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BLEACHED SHEETINGS.

36-inch.....4 1/2c.....Worth 4c
42-inch.....5 1/2c.....Worth 10c
48-inch.....6 1/2c.....Worth 11c
54-inch.....7 1/2c.....Worth 14c
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66-inch.....9 1/2c.....Worth 18c
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UNBLEACHED SHEETINGS.

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FANCY WHITE GOODS.

At 93c--Fancy White Goods, regular prices 15c and 17c.
At 15c--White Mercerized Waistings regular price 25c.

Cotton Dress Goods.

Great Values in Cotton Dress Goods, Prints, Ginghams, Percales, Flannels, etc., etc.

5c All our best Prints, grays, blues, indigo, black and white, tartan reds, etc.

5c Cotton Challies in pretty flowered effects, light, medium and dark colorings.

5c Drapery Prints, 27 inches wide, in a big variety of colorings and designs.

5c Gravelle Flannel, 27 inches wide, medium and dark colors, neat designs.

5c Fancy Striped Lawns, 40 inches wide, in pink, blue, brown and light stripes.

5c Dress Ginghams, light, medium and dark colors, plaids, stripes and plain colors.

5c Piquelette for waists and dresses--50 handsome designs to select from.

5c Percales and Madras for shirts, waists and dresses--value 12 1/2c and 17c.

5c Best quality Domestic Dress Ginghams, 10 to 20-yard lengths, in checks, plaids, stripes and solid colors.

5c Flannellette for waists and dresses, light and dark colorings, all neat designs.

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A BIG PURCHASE 1,042 PIECES amounting to NEARLY 100,000 YARDS, bought from the leading New York jobbers, prior to inventory.

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5c 14,000 yards of good quality Outing Flannels in pink and white, blue and white--actual 5c quality at 5c a yard.

7 1/2c 26,000 yards of Outing Flannels, light and medium colors, a big variety of handsome designs--regular 10c quality at 7 1/2c a yard.

8 1/2c Best quality Outing Flannel in light, medium and dark colors--fully 200 styles to choose from--regular 12 1/2c quality at 8 1/2c.

12 1/2c 30-inch fine Batiste and Swisses, light and medium colors, neat figures, floral designs and solid hands.

12 1/2c Windsor Double-face Suitings, 28 inches wide, extra heavy cloth in dark grounds for waists and dresses.

12 1/2c 27-inch Waisting Flannels, floral designs, some with floral designs.

12 1/2c Mercerized Voles, 27 inches wide, plain colors--splendid value at this price.

12 1/2c 40-inch Cretonnes, light, medium and dark colors, handsome designs for draperies.

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